

February 4, 2018

**Christ is waiting...**

*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in."* **Revelation 3:20**

**Receive Him now...**

*"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."*

**John 1:12**

**Pray this prayer:**

Lord Jesus, I want to have life. I know that I have sinned. I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died and rose again for my sins. I now accept You as my personal Savior. I will forsake my sinful life. I know that Your grace and power will enable me to live for You. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me and for giving me a new life.



**KEEP THE FAITH #1**

CONNECT TO GOD

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**Question:** *How is my relationship with God?*

*"We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God."* **2 Corinthians 5:20 (TLB)**

**How to establish a personal relationship with God**

**STEP #1: Recognize that God loves me and has a plan for my life.**

**His love includes me...**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* **John 3:16**

**He has new life for me...**

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* **John 10:10**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* **Jeremiah 29:11**

**STEP #2: Recognize that sin separates you from God and others.**

"Sin" is walking our own way in rebellion against God's will.  
When we walk away from God, we walk away from life.

**Everyone has sinned...**

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

**Romans 3:23**

**Sin brings death...**

*"For the wages of sin is death."* **Romans 6:23**

*"The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."* **Genesis 3:21**

**My own efforts cannot save me...**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast."* **Ephesians 2:8-9**

As sinners, we often try to find life's true meaning in the wrong ways and places.

**STEP #3: Recognize that Jesus Christ died and rose again for my sins.**

**Jesus Christ died in my place...**

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* **Romans 5:8**

**He is the way to new life...**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**He gives inner peace.**

*"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

**Romans 5:1**

**He gives freedom.**

*"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

**John 8:36**

**He gives eternal life.**

*"But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Romans 6:23**

**STEP #4: I must repent and ask God for forgiveness.**

**Admit and confess my sins to God...**

*"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."* **Proverbs 28:13**

**Repentance means:**

- To acknowledge my sins.
- To be sorry for my sins.
- To confess my sins.
- To be willing to forsake my sins.
- To have my life changed by Christ.

**Forgiveness is promised...**

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9

**STEP #5: Place my trust in Christ and receive Him as my Savior.**